Fake SC/ST Certificates for obtaining Petrol Pumps

365. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake certificates of Scheduled Tribes/Scheduled Castes have been used in obtaining petrol pumps for the retail sale of petroleum products;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government scrutinise all the certificates; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Some complaints have been made in this regard to the Oil Companies and the Government.

(c) and (d) SC/ST certificates are scrutinised by the Oil Marketing Companies and Oil Selection Boards at the time of selection of dealership/distributorships.

Import of oil and gas from Oman

366. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during Prime Minister's recent visit to Oman, any agreements signed for import of oil and gas and laying of supply lines for oil/gas from Oman;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating cost and mode of payment;

(c) whether Government propose to construct new oil refinery in view of the said agreement; and

(d) if so, the locations identified for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) During the visit of Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to Oman during March, 1993 the Government of Sultanate of Oman, Government of India, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. have signed two separate Memoranda of Understanding on 13-3-1993 with M/s. Oman Oil Company Limited for setting up of the two Joint Venture Refineries of 6 MMTPA each in Western India and in Madhya Pradesh respectively. The project cost of the refineries will be financed on the basis of debt-equity ration not exceeding 3:1. BPCL/HPCL will have 26 per cent equity in the respective projects while Oman Oil Company will have 26 per cent each for the two refineries. The balance 48 per cent will be by the public. Further, an MOU for lying of gas pipeline between Oman and India has also seperately been signed during the visit.

Fake gas cylinders seized by Delhi Police

367. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police seized 644 fake gas cylinders in a raid at the premises of a shop ower, allegedly running an illegal gas agency;

(b) if so, the details of the seizure:

(c) whether such fake cylinders are potential danger to the lives of consumers;

(d) the modus operandi of the fake gas agncy as revealed by investigation; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent such trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In a joint raid carried out on 10-6-93 by the officers of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Delhi Police, 644 gas cylinders were seized from the godown of a terminated LPG dealers. Police have registered a case in the matter a partner of the terminated dealership has been arrested and has been kept in judicial remand.

(c) Fake cylinders are unsafe for use.

(d) As per the statement of the partner of the firm, arrested by the police, these cylinders were procured from a party of Ambala. These cylinders were filled from other filled cylinders by transferring the product through a pipe.

(e) Field officers of the oil companies keep a watch on the circulation of spurious cylinders in the system. Raids are conducted on suspected premises Whenever spurious cylinders are detected by the oil marketing companies, they are immediately destroyed. When such cylinders are detected from LPG agencies or transporters, they are issued caution/ warning letters and a penalty of Rs. 1500 per spurious cylinder is levied.

Bursting of pipelines while Hydrotesting

368. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether Govt's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Financil Express, Bombay of June 15, 1993 under the caption GAIL threatens to blacklist Saw Pipes' and state:

(a) whether it is a fact M/s. Saw Pipes Limited are suppliers of speciality pipes to Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL);

(b) if so, what are the details of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission orders placed with the firm;

(c) whether there have been four bursts of pipelines (three in Rajasthan and one at Bombay) on 12the June 1993 while hydrotesting of the pipelines;

(d) what are the facts in respect of each case and the details of enquiries made in each case; and

(e) what action Government have taken against the firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to ONGC, four orders have been placed by them on the firm for line pipes of total length of approximately 68 kms. In addition 95 kms of order were placed on an Indian Consortium with M/s. Saw Pipes as a partner.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The report of the Enquiry Committee is awaited.

Orders placed by ONGC on the Indian Consortium of M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd., Bombay

369. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3651 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the details of orders placed by ONGC on the Indian Consortium of M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels (P) Limited, Bombay and Saw Pipes Limited for saw type of line pipes for seamless line pipes, risers and bends for SHG Project of Bombay High;

(b) what is the quantity and value of each order;

(c) what progress has so far been made in repect of each order; and;

(d) when each of the orders is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) ONGC had placed an order on an Indian Consortium of M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels (P) Ltd., Bombay and M/s. SAW Pipes Ltd., New Delhi for supply of SAW line pipes, risers and bends for SHG Process Platform Project. As per the contract, the Consortium was to supply a revised quantity of 18.30 Kms. of 24" and 77 Kms. of 28" SAW line pipes and also associated risers and bends 28 and 36 sizes as a total price of about US dolar 21.60 million plus Rs. 43.38 crores.

(c) and (d) The delivery of the entire quantity of line pipes has been completed by 12.2.1993. Risers and bends have been shipped from Germany and are to be delivered to ONGC"s Coat and Wrap Contractor by end of July and end August, 1993 respectively.